

October 15, 2010

Dear Parents,

This year's Outdoor Education experience is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, November 11-12. We will be traveling to Camp Algonquin in Algonquin, IL. At the camp, we will learn some basic outdoor survival skills and we will engage in teambuilding activities. The Outdoor Education trip will be an overnight trip. We plan to leave the school at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and will return at about 2:30 p.m. on Friday.

The cost of this field trip is \$90. This amount covers the cost of the Outdoor Education classes, meals, snacks, overnight accommodations and transportation. Please send \$90 in a check payable to Holmes School. Also, please note that the cost of this trip is based on all students attending. Therefore, once the field trip fees have been paid, we are unable to refund money if, for any reason, your child is unable to attend the field trip.

We must have (1) a permission slip, and (2) a Participation Agreement for each student attending the Outdoor Education experience. Copies of these forms are attached to this letter. All forms and payment are due to your child's homeroom teacher by **Monday, November 1.**

Please note that we must maintain a 1:8 ratio of chaperones to students at all times, including overnight, so we would like at least 5 male and 5 female chaperones. **We cannot go on this trip without an adequate number of chaperones, so please consider volunteering.**

We thank you for your help in making this a memorable experience for your child.

Sincerely,

The Fifth Grade Team